

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 2, the word "judge" in step 203 has been changed to --determine--.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 10, 11 and 18-21 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The phrase "judging" has now been changed to --determining--. This should address the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 are also noted by the Examiner. These claims 19-21 now depend on claim 18, as suggested by the Examiner. As such, any objection or rejection of these claims should also now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over D'SOUZA et al., U.S. Patent 6,625,649, in view of KAO et al., U.S. Patent 6,275,944. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

D'Souza et al. discloses a computer system for providing rapid access to preconfigured Internet site. The system includes a keyboard or similar input device having switches which are closed to produce unique Internet access signals. The keyboard includes a series of specialized keys and a series of dedicated keys for specific functions. When the specialized keys and dedicated keys

are pressed in combination with other keys, a preconfigured function may be performed. However, the user has to have at least an intermediate level of computer knowledge in order to complete the reconfiguration of keys and functions, and the user has to memorize the keys and the functions each key represents.

Besides, it is inappropriate that the Examiner considers the series of dedicated keys (82, 84, 86, 88) of the keyboard (16) of D'Souza et al. as the equivalent of the prompts provided by the user interface module of the claimed invention. The dedicated keys (82, 84, 86, 88) carry indicia in the form of a molded or printed icon, indicating the function of each key (82, 84, 86, 88). The indicia on the keys (82, 84, 86, 88) are fixed thereon and cannot be changed. Though one can alter the functions that correspond to the keys (82, 84, 86, 88), the indicia do not reflect the changed functionality. On the contrary, the claimed invention provides prompts reflecting functionalities to users so the users do not have to memorize any keys and the corresponding functions and are able to select a function by one touch. Keyboard is just one of many input methods that the user interface module accepts.

In regard to claims 1, 10, and 18, the Examiner will note that the claims have been amended to describe that the user interface module is a program module. This change is meant to reinforce a feature of the claimed invention, that the prompts are not fixed on any hardware or input devices such as a keyboard. Accordingly, for

at least the aforementioned reasons and the amendments, claims 1, 10, and 18, are surely patentable over D'Souza et al. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1, 10, and 18.

In addition, Kao et al. does not disclose the prompts provided by the user interface module. Thus, claims 1, 10, and 18 are surely patentable over these citations or their combination.

Because claims 1, 10, and 18 are patentable over these citations according to the above-mentioned reasons, their dependent claims 2-9, 11-17, and 19-21 are also patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

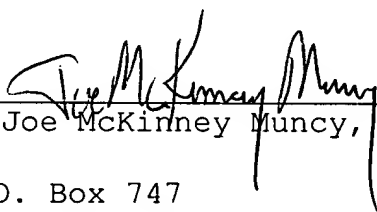
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning this document are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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